

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A stationary exercise bicycle that allows a rider to adopt different riding positions, comprising:

a corrosion-resistant frame comprising a front socket, a rear socket, a pedal mechanism coupled to a flywheel, and a down tube coupling the front socket to the rear socket; [and]

a deflector coupled to the frame [front socket] extending toward the down tube for preventing [damage to the bicycle caused by corrosive] sweat of [falling from] a rider from contacting the flywheel;

a chainguard coupled to the frame that encapsulates the pedal mechanism for preventing sweat of a rider from contacting the pedal mechanism;

a cover mounted to the frame that covers a portion of the frame including parts of the down tube and the rear socket for preventing sweat of a rider from contacting that portion of the frame, and

a handlebar mounted to the frame having multiple handles that allow the rider to adopt different riding positions.

Claims 2-3 (canceled)

2.4 (currently amended): The stationary exercise bicycle according to claim 1 wherein the down tube extends diagonally and linearly from the front socket to the rear socket and is mounted directly to the rear socket.

3.5 (previously presented): The stationary exercise bicycle according to claim 1 wherein the down tube is rectangular in shape.

4.6 (previously presented): The stationary exercise bicycle according to claim 1 wherein the deflector is a unitary plastic member.

5.7 (currently amended): The stationary exercise bicycle according to claim 1 wherein the front socket includes a front fork triangle and the deflector is mounted underneath [a] the front fork triangle [extending from the front socket].

6.8 (new): A stationary exercise bicycle comprising:

a base including a central ground support, a front ground support attached to the central ground support, and a rear ground support attached to the central ground support;
a front post including two forks attached to the base, and a handlebar socket attached to the forks thereby forming a front fork triangle;

a handlebar that is attached to the handlebar socket and that includes a plurality of handles to permit different riding positions;

a rear post that is attached to the base and that includes a seat socket;

a seat assembly attached to the seat socket;

a linear diagonally extending down tube having ends that are attached to the front post and the rear post, wherein the front post, the down tube and the base form a forward triangle;

a support member having ends that are attached to the base and the rear post, wherein the rear post, the support member and the base form a rearward triangle;

a flywheel mounted to the front post;

a pedal assembly mounted to the down tube and coupled to the flywheel;

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a deflector attached to the front post that prevents a rider's sweat from contacting the flywheel;

a chainguard attached to down tube that prevents a rider's sweat from contacting the pedal assembly; and

a cover mounted to the down tube and rear post that prevents a rider's sweat from contacting a portion of the down tube and rear post;

wherein the front fork triangle, the forward triangle and the rearward triangle provide rigidity to the bicycle.

7.9 (new): The stationary exercise bicycle of claim 8 wherein the handlebar is adjustable.

8.10 (new): The stationary exercise bicycle of claim 8 wherein the pedal assembly includes a crank arm mounted to the down tube, a cog mounted to the crank arm and a chain coupling the cog and the flywheel, wherein the cog and chain are encapsulated by the chainguard.

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9. ~~11~~ (new): The stationary exercise bicycle of claim ~~8~~⁶ wherein the cover prevents the rider's sweat from contacting a weld between the down tube and rear post.

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